

My Father's Gift:



A Story of Love, **Tragedy**, and Hope



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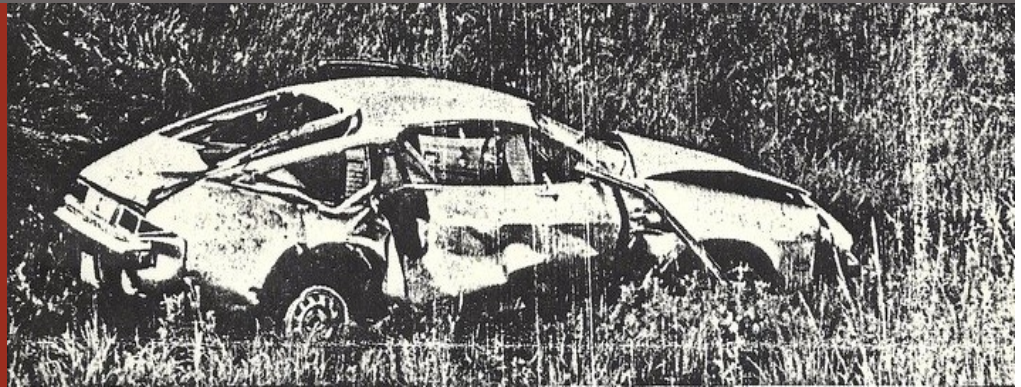
Osage Beach, Missouri

**Combination banquet/show
tickets may be purchased in
advance or at the door.**

Tickets: \$30

**Banquet begins at 7:00 p.m.
(Entertainment is to follow)**

(*Ticket included in advanced
Interpreter Conference registration
postmarked by Sept. 30, 2013)



What shapes our values? Who are our heroes? Journey through Wink's story and you may discover your own answers to these questions. Wink takes you through decades of laughs, tribulations, and the uncertainty that he experienced personally and vicariously through his mother and father. Visit the scene of his mother's train accident, pop back into his kindergarten class, where as a CODA he had his first introduction to the hearing world. Watch as his parents' thoughts, stories and experiences are shared with exciting twists and turns that give the audience an inside look at growing up with Deaf parents.

Looking back, Wink realizes just how much they taught him about the beauty and value of American Sign Language and Deaf Culture. But most of all, this is a beautiful story of Wink's parents, Windell and Gwen Smith, their love for each other that was tested by a horrific car accident, their community that they leaned on for support, and the core beliefs and values that are rooted in Deaf Culture. All of these are wrapped up in this entertaining story, so come join us as we look up at Deaf Culture.

Growing up Wink has always seen his father and mother recount their life story. Wink got to see firsthand ASL storytelling, living the experiences and feeling the jolt from the twist and turns, even if it was the hundredth time he seen the story. Seeing and feeling these ASL stories had lead Wink to the creation of a live show in order to share his parents beautiful story with the twist and turns he beheld growing up in a Deaf home. Audiences get a taste of various emotions: laughter, joy, sadness, hurt, frustration and uplifting moments that will leave the audience with courage, interest and hopefully experiencing these moments can put not only each audience member's life in perspective but also their view of the Deaf community and CODAs.